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SUBJECT: UNCTAD CONFERENCE ON COTTON; COMMON FUND

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1. ON 27 MAY ECON OFF MET WITH TANZANIA'S COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN TRADE, RUTHINDA, AND HIS DEPUTY FOR MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, MBAGA, TO SEEK INFORMATION REQUESTED REF A AND TO DISCUSS US POSITION ON COMMON FUND PER REF B.

2. TANZANIA'S VIEWS ON UPCOMING COTTON CONFERENCE FOLLOW:

A. TANGOV INTENDS BE REPRESENTED AT CONFERENCE BY MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, POSSIBLY MINISTER HIMSELF; TANZANIA COTTON AUTHORITY - MR. LIMBU; AND PERHAPS BY ITS AMB TO BONN.

B. TANGOV FAVORS AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON COTTON. IT PARTICIPATED IN ECA'S COTTON SEMINOR IN CAIRO LAST MONTH AND HAS STUDIED PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS FOR SUCH AN AGREEMENT. TANZANIA BELIEVES AGREEMENT SHOULD BE WITHIN CONTEXT OF INTEGRATED COMMODITY PROGRAM AND RESPOND TO NEEDS OF POOR FARMERS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN TANZANIA ALL COTTON IS

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PRODUCED BY SMALL FARMERS WHO REQUIRE STABLE PRICES, UNLIKE FARMERS IN US WHO PREFER FREE FLUCTUATION. THUS, AGREEMENT SHOULD STABILIZE PRICES, PROVIDE FOR BUFFER STOCKS, AND HOPEFULLY RESULT IN GRADUALLY RISING PRICES. TANZANIA WOULD NOT WANT QUOTAS UNLESS FORMULA FAVORS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TAKES ACCOUNT NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TARGETS AND POTENTIAL. FOR EXAMPLE, TANZANIA HOPES DOUBLE COTTON PRODUCTION BY 1981 TO

750,000 BALES AND WOULD WANT ANY QUOTA SYSTEM TO ACCOMMODATE SUCH INCREASES. UNLIKE SOME OTHER CROPS, TANZANIA DOES NOT INTEND DIVERSITY COTTON.

C. TANZANIA ACTIVE MEMBER OF ICAC AND CONSIDERS IT USEFUL, BUT LIMITED. ITS RESEARCH ROLE HELPFUL, BUT TANGOV FEELS ICAC HAS NOT HELPED SOLVE PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING NATIONS NOR DONE ANYTHING TO BRING ORDER TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COTTON. IT "CLOSED CLUB" SOME OF WHOSE MEMBERS HAVE CONFLICTING INTERESTS, I.E., PROTECTING BOTH COTTON AND SYNTHETIC INDUSTRIES.

3. ECON OFF TOOK OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS POINTS ON COMMON FUND PER REF B. RUTHINDA REPEATED EARLIER POSITION, SEE E.G., REF C, STATING THAT TRADE IN COMMODITIES CANNOT BE LOOKED AT IN ISOLATION. THERE MUST BE INTEGRATED APPROACH SO INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES AND AGREEMENTS ARE MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE. INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENTS MAYNOT PROVIDE FUNDS FOR STOCK HOLDING BYAQOOR, SMALLER PRODUCING COUNTRIES. THIS LEADS TO UNFAIR ADVANTAGES. INTEGRATED APPROACH COULD EQUALIZE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL PRODUCERS. TANGOV FULLY SUPPORTS G-77 POSITIONS ON COMMON FUND ISSUES AND BELIEVES US SHOULD ENDORSE THE CONCEPT IN PRINCIPLE AS GESTURE OF GOOD WILL AND IN ORDER EXPEDITE PROGRESS

IN THIS AREA WHICH OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE TO DEVELOPING NATIONS.

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